



# Hilda J. Barbour Elementary School GUITAR

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

The music program at H.J.B. provides morning guitar classes for students in **grades 3-5**. You do not need to own a guitar at home in order to be included in the program. Guitars, books and materials are provided for your child to use at school. Our program offers opportunities for the hesitant music learner as well as the experienced player. Throughout the year your child will be learning basic notation, strumming patterns, note and string names, as well as basic chord progressions in the classical style of teaching.

This year I hope to be able to add a performance date for guitar tentatively scheduled for the spring or at the end of the school year. This way they can show all the many things they have accomplished to you the parents, friends and family.

Continuous participation in guitar is important to a successful learning year. **In order to rehearse every week, all students need to have their homework and class work completed each day.** If a student is falling behind or their grades are not up to par, then they will not be able to come to guitar. If a student is having problems, missing school, or missing work, the student's teacher, parent, and Mr. Russell will decide what is best for that particular student. All guitar members are expected to participate fully for the entire year.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students may also choose to participate in chorus if they would like.

The guitar schedule is as follows...

Monday.....3<sup>rd</sup> grade guitar, Brade and Obringer's Class  
Tuesday..... 3<sup>rd</sup> grade guitar, Kisner, Pearson and Bien  
Wednesday.....4<sup>th</sup> grade guitar  
Thursday.....4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> chorus  
Friday.....5<sup>th</sup> grade guitar

Guitar classes are held from **8:10 to 8:40 a.m. meeting once a week for their assigned grade.** When you enter, please sign the attendance roster. The classes will start Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the form below and turn it into Mr. Russell by Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>

We will need to **charge a fee of \$5.00** to purchase replacement strings and for maintenance. Make check payable to Hilda J. Barbour Elementary School. Please make sure it is sent in a sealed envelope

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Please include the \$5.00 fee in a sealed envelope and send to Mr. Russell. Make checks payable to Hilda J. Barbour Elementary School.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in the HJB Guitar Program. We understand that rehearsal is from 8:10am to 8:40am on their assigned day.

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your classroom teacher:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade:	Brade	Pearson	Kisner	Obringer	Bien
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Falkenstein	Lieberum	Beam	Engel	Lynn
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Turner	Cockrell	King	Loring	